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NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE. THE 1976 RESOLUTION CALLED FOR SUPPORT FOR "EFFORTS" AMONG THE STATES OF SOUTH ASIA AND OTHER NEIGHBORING NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO ESTABLISH A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA, RATHER THAN DIRECT ACTION TO ESTABLISH SUCH A ZONE.

THE ISSUE IS GENERALLY THE SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSIAL DEBATE BETWEEN THE INDIANS AND THE PAKISTANI EACH YEAR DURING UN FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE, DUE TO INDIAN-INTRODUCED COUNTER-RESOLUTIONS ON A BROADER ASIAN NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE. LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, INDIA DECIDED TO REFRAIN FROM INTRODUCING ITS OWN COMPETING RESOLUTION DESPITE GOI DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PAKISTANI RESOLUTION.

PAKISTAN PLAYS THE SOUTH ASIA ISSUE IN AN ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE THE INDIANS INTO GIVING UP THEIR NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, THUS REMOVING THIS THREAT TO PAKISTAN. THE GOP, JUST AS INDIA, IS WELL AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT A GENERAL ASIAN AREA NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IS PRESENTLY IMPOSSIBLE AS LONG AS THE PRC REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VENTURE. BOTH COUNTRIES PLAY THIS "CHINESE CONNECTION" TO THEIR ADVANTAGE, WITH THE PAKISTANI DESIGNING A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE AROUND THE CHINESE TO IMPROVE THE POSSIBILITIES OF EVENTUALLY CREATING A ZONE WHICH REMOVES THE INDIAN THREAT AND THE INDIANS LINKING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN A ZONE TO PARTICIPATION BY THE PRC.

TALKING POINTS

- THE US HAS ABSTAINED ON THE SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE RESOLUTIONS IN THE PAST IN PART BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT UNGA ADOPTION OF COMPETING RESOLUTIONS ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS ISSUE DOES NOT ADVANCE THE OBJECTIVE OF CREATING A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE AREA.

-- THE US RECOGNIZES THAT AGREEMENT AMONG THE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS ON THE GOALS AND CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE AREA, ONE OF THE WELL-KNOWN USG CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A ZONE, DOES NOT YET EXIST. THE US HOPES THAT A RESOLUTION MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO PAKISTAN AND INDIA, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER POTENTIAL PARTICPANTS IN A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE AREA, CAN BE ADOPTED THIS FALL AND WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUCH A RESOLUTION.

NOTE: FOREGOING IS BASED ON KNOWN POSITIONS OF INDIAN

AND PAKISTANI GOVERNMENTS, BUT IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITIES
OF RECENT SHIFTS RESULTING FROM GOVERNMENT CHANGES YOU
SHOULD USE PAPERS IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSIES.
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